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Northern Triangle Country Conditions:

Ranking the Highest and Lowest Areas of Reported Homicides,
Disappearances, and Extortion

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El Salvador: Highest Reporting of Homicides, Disappearances, and Extortion

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Key Takeaway

Of the 262 municipalities in El Salvador, this chart shows the 10 municipalities in which the Salvadoran authorities have reported the highest homicide rate (2018), highest disappearance rate (2018), and most cases of extortion (2013 – 2018) compared to all other municipalities.¹

| Department | Municipality | Municipality Population Ranking (of 262) | Homicide Rate Ranking (of 262) | Disappearance Rate Ranking (of 262) | Extortion Ranking (of 262) | Overall Ranking (of 262) |
|--------------|-------------------------|--|--------------------------------|-------------------------------------|----------------------------|--------------------------|
| San Salvador | San Salvador | 4 | 37 | 6 | 1 | 1 |
| La Libertad | La Libertad | 39 | 38 | 12 | 10 | 2 |
| Sonsonate | Santo Domingo De Guzman | 169 | 3 | 15 | 61 | 3 |
| Sonsonate | Armenia | 42 | 27 | 23 | 32 | 4 |
| Usulután | Santa Elena | 202 | 2 | 62 | 47 | 5 |
| Sonsonate | Izalco | 18 | 55 | 39 | 19 | 6 |
| Ahuachapán | Atiquizaya | 46 | 32 | 45 | 39 | 7 |
| San Salvador | Panchimalco | 33 | 45 | 40 | 31 | 7 |
| Santa Ana | Chalchuapa | 15 | 47 | 44 | 27 | 9 |
| Sonsonate | San Julian | 76 | 5 | 78 | 45 | 10 |

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Source: Homicide, disappearance, and extortion data is from Directorate of Information and Analysis of the Ministry of Justice and Public Security (MJSP) and the National Police (PNC) of El Salvador. Population data is based on official projections from the Dirección General De Estadística y Censos.

Notes:

1. Highest and lowest reporting areas are determined by ranking each municipality for homicide rates, disappearance rates, and cases of extortion (i.e., the municipality with highest homicide rate is ranked “1”, the municipality with the next highest is ranked “2”, and ties were each given the lowest equivalent ranking), then summing the rankings to obtain an aggregated score. The aggregated scores were then ranked to obtain the Overall Ranking, which reflects the how present each of the three factors was in a municipality relative to all other municipalities.
2. Homicide rates and disappearance rates are calculated by dividing the number of reported homicides/disappearances by the 2018 projected population for the municipality and are typically reported per 100,000 persons.
3. Population rankings are included for reference.



El Salvador: Lowest Reporting of Homicides, Disappearances, and Extortion

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Key Takeaway

Of the 262 municipalities in El Salvador, this chart shows the 14 municipalities in which the Salvadoran authorities have reported zero homicides (2018), zero disappearances (2018), and zero cases of extortion (2014 – 2017).

| Department | Municipality | Municipality Population Ranking (of 262) |
|--------------|------------------------|--|
| La Union | Meanguera Del Golfo | 242 |
| San Miguel | Uluazapa | 228 |
| La Paz | Tapalhuaca | 219 |
| La Paz | San Antonio Masahuat | 208 |
| Chalatenango | San Isidro Labrador | 243 |
| Chalatenango | San Jose Cancasque | 252 |
| Chalatenango | San Jose Las Flores | 257 |
| Chalatenango | San Luis Del Carmen | 259 |
| Chalatenango | San Fernando | 237 |
| Chalatenango | Ojos De Agua | 224 |
| Chalatenango | Potonico | 254 |
| Chalatenango | San Antonio De La Cruz | 250 |
| Chalatenango | El Carrizal | 246 |
| Santa Ana | Masahuat | 229 |

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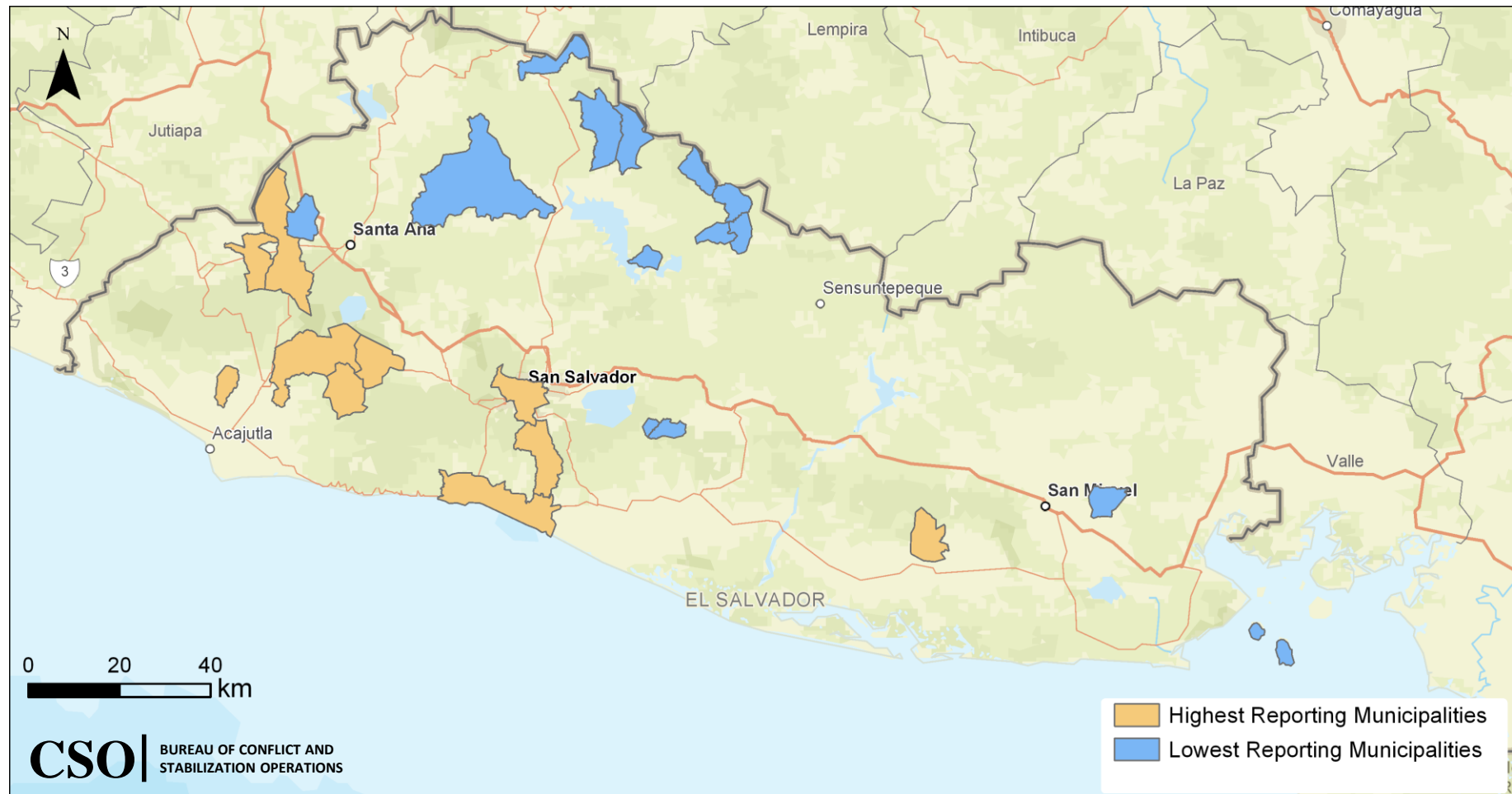
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El Salvador: Map of Highest and Lowest Areas of Reporting

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Guatemala: Highest Reporting of Homicides, Disappearances, and Extortion

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Key Takeaway

Of the 340 municipalities in Guatemala, this chart shows the 10 municipalities in which the Guatemalan authorities have reported the highest homicide rate (2018), highest disappearance rate (2018), and most cases of extortion (2013 – 2018) compared to all other municipalities.¹

| Department | Municipality | Municipality Population Ranking (of 340) | Homicide Ranking (of 340) | Disappearance Ranking (of 340) | Extortion Ranking (of 340) | Overall Ranking (of 340) |
|---------------|-----------------------|--|---------------------------|--------------------------------|----------------------------|--------------------------|
| Chimaltenango | Chimaltenango | 16 | 28 | 7 | 5 | 1 |
| Guatemala | Amatitlán | 27 | 13 | 22 | 18 | 2 |
| Escuintla | San José | 85 | 17 | 14 | 22 | 2 |
| Guatemala | Guatemala | 1 | 19 | 42 | 1 | 4 |
| Izabal | Puerto Barrios | 29 | 24 | 25 | 17 | 5 |
| Guatemala | Santa Catarina Pinula | 34 | 26 | 44 | 13 | 6 |
| Zacapa | Zacapa | 72 | 4 | 5 | 80 | 7 |
| Guatemala | Mixco | 3 | 86 | 11 | 2 | 8 |
| Escuintla | Escuintla | 11 | 18 | 74 | 8 | 9 |
| Escuintla | Nueva Concepción | 66 | 2 | 73 | 25 | 9 |



Source: Data is from Informational System of Control for the Investigation of the Prosecutor's Office (SICOMP), Guatemala's National Security Council's Technical Secretariat, the Ministry of the Interior, and the Guatemalan National Institute of Statistics.

Notes:

1. Highest and lowest reporting areas are determined by ranking each municipality for homicide rates, disappearance rates, and cases of extortion (i.e., the municipality with highest homicide rate is ranked "1", the municipality with the next highest is ranked "2", and ties were each given the lowest equivalent ranking), then summing the rankings to obtain an aggregated score. The aggregated scores were then ranked to obtain the Overall Ranking, which reflects the how present each of the three factors was in a municipality relative to all other municipalities.
2. Homicide rates and disappearance rates are calculated by dividing the number of reported homicides/disappearances by the 2018 projected population for the municipality and are typically reported per 100,000 persons.
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Key Takeaway

Of the 340 municipalities in Guatemala, this chart shows the 14 municipalities in which the Guatemalan authorities have reported zero homicides (2018), zero disappearances (2018), and zero or one case of extortion (2016 – 2017).

| Department | Municipality | Municipality Population Ranking (of 340) |
|---------------|--------------------------|--|
| Sololá | Santa María Visitación | 340 |
| Sololá | Santa Catarina Palapó | 328 |
| Sololá | San Marcos La Laguna | 338 |
| San Marcos | Sibinal | 247 |
| Huehuetenango | Petatán | 300 |
| Sololá | Concepción | 325 |
| Sololá | San Andrés Semetabaj | 263 |
| Sololá | Santa Cruz La Laguna | 318 |
| Sololá | San Pedro La Laguna | 287 |
| Huehuetenango | San Rafael Independencia | 283 |
| Huehuetenango | Tectitán | 320 |
| Huehuetenango | Santa Ana Huista | 311 |
| Quiché | Cunén | 128 |
| Huehuetenango | San Juan Ixcoy | 171 |



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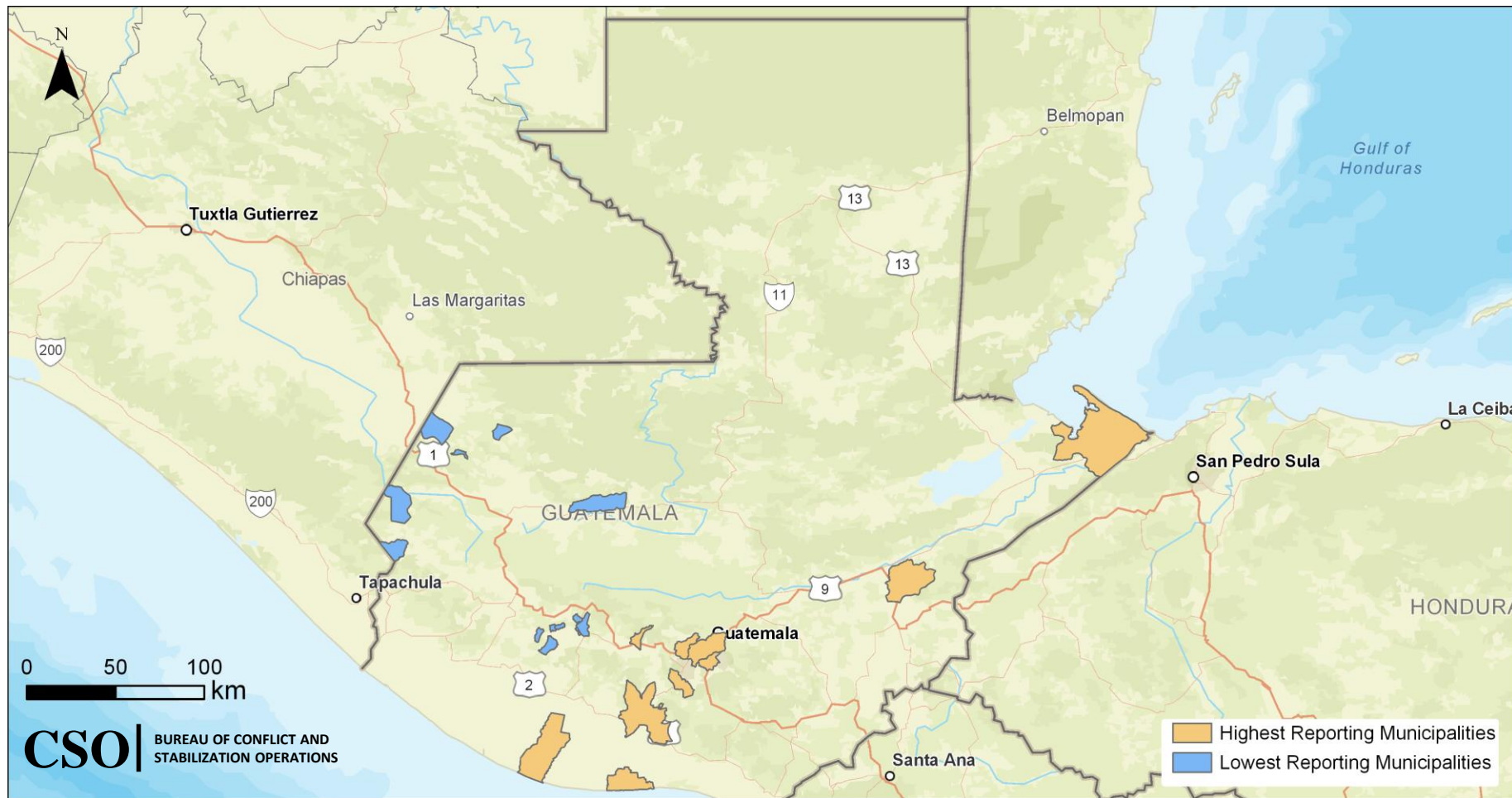
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Honduras: Highest Reporting of Homicides, Disappearances, and Extortion

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Key Takeaway

Of the 298 municipalities in Honduras, this chart shows the 10 municipalities in which the Honduran authorities have reported the highest homicide rate (2018), highest disappearance rate (2018), and most cases of extortion (2013 – 2018) compared to all other municipalities.¹

| Department | Municipality | Municipality Population Ranking (of 298) | Homicide Rate Ranking (of 298) | Disappearance Rate Ranking (of 298) | Extortion Ranking (of 298) | Overall Ranking (of 298) |
|------------|----------------|--|--------------------------------|-------------------------------------|----------------------------|--------------------------|
| Yoro | El Progreso | 6 | 53 | 11 | 5 | 1 |
| Colón | Sava | 258 | 2 | 3 | 67 | 2 |
| Comayagua | Comayagua | 9 | 68 | 16 | 4 | 3 |
| Cortés | San Pedro Sula | 2 | 91 | 2 | 2 | 4 |
| La Paz | San Juan | 294 | 4 | 26 | 67 | 5 |
| Yoro | Yoro | 17 | 55 | 15 | 27 | 5 |
| Colón | Tocoa | 16 | 51 | 35 | 12 | 7 |
| Cortés | Puerto Cortes | 11 | 77 | 13 | 8 | 7 |
| Atlántida | La Ceiba | 4 | 96 | 1 | 3 | 9 |
| Cortés | Choloma | 3 | 20 | 63 | 21 | 10 |



Source: Homicide and disappearance data is from the National Police (PNC) of Honduras. Extortion data reflects cases reported to the El Ministerio Público and released by la División de Planificación Estratégica y Gestión de la Calidad (DIPEGEC) in response to a public transparency request. Population data is from the Honduran National Institute of Statistics.

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Of the 298 municipalities in Honduras, this chart shows the 30 municipalities in which the Honduran authorities have reported zero homicides (2018), zero disappearances (2018), and zero cases of extortion (2013 – 2018).

| Department | Municipality | Municipality Population Ranking (of 298) |
|-------------------|-------------------------|--|
| Colón | Santa Rosa de Aguan | 39 |
| Comayagua | Humuya | 296 |
| Choluteca | Morolica | 262 |
| Choluteca | San Jose | 268 |
| El Paraíso | Potrerrillos | 267 |
| El Paraíso | Soledad | 185 |
| El Paraíso | Vado Ancho | 276 |
| Francisco Morazán | La Libertad | 290 |
| Francisco Morazán | La Venta | 232 |
| Francisco Morazán | Nueva Armenia | 279 |
| Francisco Morazán | San Buenaventura | 288 |
| Francisco Morazán | San Miguelito | 295 |
| Francisco Morazán | Villa de San Francisco | 163 |
| Francisco Morazán | Vallecillo | 198 |
| Gracias a Dios | Ahuas | 234 |
| Gracias a Dios | Ramón Villeda Morales | 240 |
| Intibucá | Camasca | 226 |
| Intibucá | Magdalena | 270 |
| Islas de la bahía | Utila | 269 |
| La Paz | Chinacla | 200 |
| La Paz | Mercedes de Oriente | 298 |
| Lempira | Mapulaca | 272 |
| Lempira | San Juan Guarita | 292 |
| Lempira | Valladolid | 280 |
| Lempira | Virginia | 293 |
| Ocotepeque | Dolores Merendon | 271 |
| Olancho | Guayape | 142 |
| Santa Bárbara | Gualala | 193 |
| Santa Bárbara | San Francisco de Ojuera | 25 |
| Santa Bárbara | San Nicolas | 118 |

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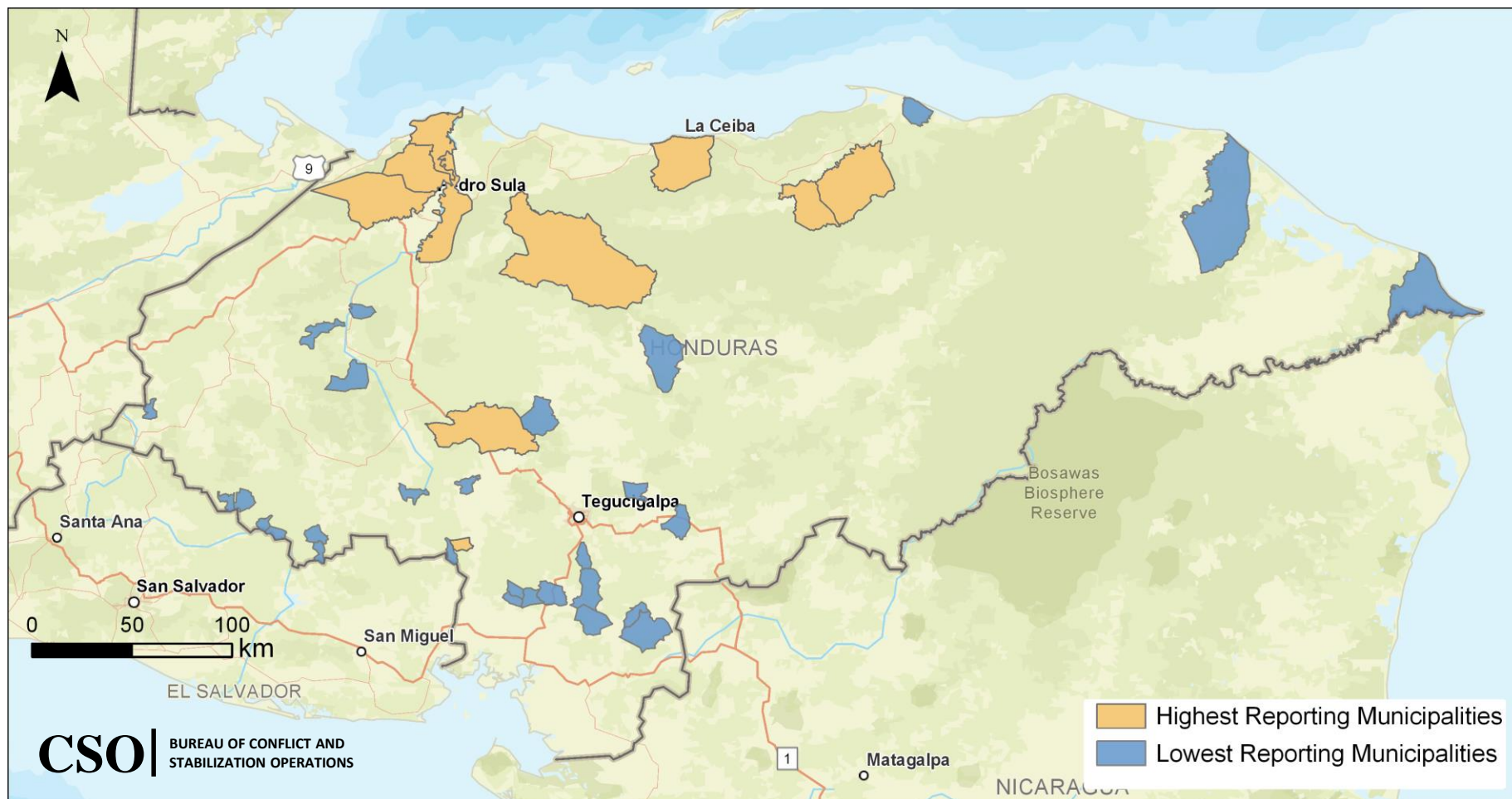
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